

# The Senior Profile



**Freetown Council on Aging - 227 Chace Road - East Freetown, MA 02717-1008**  
**Office hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM**  
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**Closed Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for Patriot's Day**

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**The Council on Aging's purpose is to help and serve seniors. There is no membership.**  
**Everyone is invited to participate in all activities at the senior center. Come by and enjoy!**

## **Freetown Senior Birthday Party**

On Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM, we will be having our Birthday Party for seniors of Freetown. Lunch is stuffed peppers, by Cyd's Creative Kitchen. RSVP and \$6.00 due by Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

## **Cyd's Lunch: Tuesdays at 11:30 AM**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oven Fried Ranch Chicken

RSVP and \$7.00 due by March 27<sup>th</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup>, Turkey Dinner

RSVP and \$7.00 due by April 10<sup>th</sup>



## **Tea Time!**

It's tea time! Join us for a tea party social. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend, or, maybe, make some new ones. Bring your favorite tea cup; we will have some here also! Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM, Please RSVP by April 19<sup>th</sup>

## **AARP Income Tax Service**

We will have representatives from AARP at the COA to help seniors with their taxes on Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting at 8:30 AM. Please call the COA for an appointment and further information.

## **Inclement Weather**

If the schools are closed due to bad weather,

**OUR VAN WILL NOT RUN.**

**Office is open, unless Selectmen close us down.**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING  
THE PROPOSED WATER LINE ON CHACE  
ROAD, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018 AT  
3:00 PM @ THE COUNCIL ON AGING**

*Submitted by Lisa Pacheco,  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen*

## **Freetown Cultural Council Performance**

**By John Porcino**

On Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Through a grant from The Massachusetts Cultural Council and The Freetown Cultural Council, John Porcino, storyteller and musician, will perform for seniors of Freetown. 35 wonderful years of weaving stories, songs and music that celebrate the magic of reading a good book, tickle life's funny bone, touch the heart and give you a little boost to our hero's journey.

*Submitted by John Porcino*

Pastries will be served. RSVP: Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>



**MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL**  
SUPPORTING PUBLIC PROGRAMS IN THE ARTS, HUMANITIES & SCIENCES

## **Massachusetts SMP**

### **Empowering seniors to Prevent Healthcare Fraud**

Come meet Dennis Hohengasser, a representative of the Massachusetts Senior Medicare Patrol (MA SMP) Program on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Freetown Senior Center, and participate in a discussion on how to prevent, detect, report health care errors, fraud and abuse. We all can have an active role in protecting Medicare for ourselves and future generations.

This free information workshop will provide you with the tools to become a more informed and engaged health care consumer. For more information and to reserve your seat please call the senior center by Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Submitted by Caroline Louise Cole  
Coordinator of Volunteers and Media Liaison*

### Parkinson's Support Group

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at Dartmouth Council on Aging, 628 Dartmouth St, Dartmouth. Please call Miles Molnan at 508-997-0907 for reservations and any questions. Please join us!

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### SHINE Counselor

Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone  
Our SHINE Volunteer, Dick Kelley, will be here Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 PM. Please call the COA for an appointment

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### Senator and Representatives

Representative Paul Schmid will be here Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
Senator Michael Rodrigues will be here Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
Representative Carole Fiola will be here Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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### Pool Table

Mondays, 9:00 AM

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### Coffee & Muffins

Mondays at 10:00 AM

Come on in and have a cup of coffee with fresh muffins to meet other people from town.

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### Knitting and Crocheting Club

Mondays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM,

Bring your own supplies. Please call the Senior Center if you would like to attend.

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### Card Games-Pitch

Mondays, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

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### BINGO

Tuesdays, 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM, The license for bingo requires that you be at least 60 years old to play

### \*\*GOLD\*\*SILVER\*\*PLATINUM\*\*

Marc Folco will hold a **gold buying event** at the Freetown Senior Center on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **anyone can attend!** A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the senior center. Please call the COA for further information.

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### Painting Class

Painting...Drawing...Mixed Media...Art Classes

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

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### Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM at the Freetown VFW

Lessons \$2.00 per person, all ages are welcome.

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### Meat Bingo Game

Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 PM. Cost is 2 cards for \$5.00. **You must call and pay your \$5.00 required donation to reserve a seat by Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, Win a Bingo; you can go and choose a tray of meat. The meat packages will consist of smaller portions perfect for one or two people.

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### Blood Pressure

Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM

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### Scrabble

Thursdays, 12:30 PM

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### The Freetown Senior Club

Thursdays:

April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM and 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM

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### Yoga

Fridays, 10:00 AM with Mat

Your first class is free. Classes are a \$4.00 suggested donation. Come on in and try our classes.

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### Kanakis Produce

Discount on Fruit and Vegetables

Fridays, 10:30 AM

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### Podiatrist

The Foot Doctor will be here Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM and Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM. You must call Dr. Markowitz to make an appointment at **1-401-455-3554**

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### Veterans Agent

Bob Klevecka is our Veterans Agent. If you need his services, please call 508-763-3190, Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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### Compassionate Care Hospice

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Compassionate Care Hospice serves the needs of patients and families in Southeastern Massachusetts. An integral aspect of the care are volunteers who serve in a variety of capacities. They make friendly visits with patients to talk about interests, hobbies, favorite activities, life reviews, and even sing songs together! A volunteer can be a supportive, peaceful presence when a patient is sleeping. The volunteer also brings respite to the patient's family. Being a volunteer is a wonderful way to give back to the community and provides something very meaningful to patients and their families!

If you are interested, please contact: Michael Freilich, Volunteer Coordinator at Compassionate Care Hospice in Taunton. Phone: (508) 386-6011,

Email: [Michael.Freilich@cchnet.net](mailto:Michael.Freilich@cchnet.net).

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

*Submitted by Michael Freilich*

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### Senior Club Mohegan Sun Casino Trip!

The Senior Club is planning a day trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25.00 per person, **by check only**, made out to **Freetown Senior Club**. Bus leaves the Senior Center at 8:00 AM and returns approximately 5:00 PM. \$15.00 food voucher and a spin on the wheel.

*Submitted by Judy Emond*

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**USDA CAN HELP REPAIR YOUR HOME**  
**RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Home Improvement & Repair Loans and Grants (Section 504)** are funded directly by the Government. These loans and grants are available to assist people who live in rural communities with a population of 20,000 or less.

**Purpose:** The Very Low-Income Housing Repair program provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their dwellings or to remove health and safety hazards.

→**504 GRANTS**

- Applicant must live in an eligible town
- Applicant must be 62 years of age or older
- Applicant must own and occupy a modest dwelling
- Applicant must have a very low income and be unable to repay a loan at 1% annual interest rate
- The repairs and improvements to be made must be necessary to make the dwelling safe and sanitary and/or remove health and safety hazards.

→A 504 Grant can be approved for up to \$7,500. The applicant does not have to pay the grant back to the government, but will be required to remain in the dwelling for a period of three years after receiving the grant.

→The total assistance available through the Section 504 Program is \$27,500, which could consist of a combination loan and grant.

→**504 LOANS**

- Applicant must live in an eligible town
- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age
- Applicant must own and occupy a dwelling
- Applicant must have a very low income and be able to repay a loan at 1% annual interest rate
- The repairs and improvements may be general repairs to improve or modernize the property, as long as the dwelling remains modest.

→ **A 504 Loan can be approved for \$20,000 at a 1% interest rate which is payable over 20 years.**

Income limits yearly by household for Freetown:

**1 \$25,600 2 \$29,250 3 \$32,900 4 \$36,600**

To contact Rural Development please call 508-295-5151, extension 4, TDD: 413-253-4590, or on the web at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ma](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ma)

**VAN SCHEDULING**

The van runs every **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**. Please call the COA at 508-763-9557 for further information. We must have at least a 48 hour notice for the van.

In order to be more efficient with the van when you call in, please have the exact **name, address and phone number** of your destination and if you need the wheelchair lift. We can no longer schedule without this information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Brown Bag” Program**

**Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**From 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**At the front of the building**

“**Brown Bag**” distribution will be held at the Freetown Council on Aging. You must be 60 years of age or older. Recipients must be low income, as measured by participation in (or eligibility for) at least one other program in which proof of income has been demonstrated. This includes elders who are eligible for SSI, Medicaid, Fuel Assistance and Food Stamps, OR your gross household income is at or below the guidelines listed.

<b>1 person</b>	<b>\$1,860 per month</b>
<b>2 people</b>	<b>\$2,504 per month</b>
<b>3 people</b>	<b>\$3,149 per month</b>
<b>4 people</b>	<b>\$3,793 per month</b>

For questions call 508-763-9557.

We will deliver the brown bag if you cannot pick it up. If not picked up by Thursday, we will donate it.

**Country Travelers Trips in 2018**

**April 7, 2018-Saturday-\$45.00-New York City Day Trip**

**April 18-20, 2018 and November 18-20, 2018-Turning Stone Resort and Casino, Verona, NY, Fills quickly**

**April 30-May 4, 2018-Niagara Falls Ontario, passports required**

**May 21-23, 2018-PA Amishlands, includes a performance of “Jesus”, guided tour of the countryside, with stops at an Amish Craft Farm and bake shop, Kitchen Kettle Village, Lil’ Country Store and miniature horse farm.**

**July 19, 2018-Thursday-Boston Harbor Luncheon Cruise**

**August 3-10, 2018-The Azores—the island of Sao Miguel**

**August 14, 2018-Tuesday-Aqua Turf Plantsville, CT, Lunch and show**

**More to follow**

ALL above trips leave from the backside of Hampton Inn (Next door to White’s Restaurant) far side near tennis courts. If enough people register from this area, they will make the Senior Center a pick up destination. Any info please call Veronica Beaulieu at 508-636-4889.

*Submitted by Judy Emond*

**Fuel Assistance**

Please call the COA when you receive your application to make an appointment.

**Family Size: 1 Pers. 2 Pers. 3 Pers. 4 Pers.**  
**UP TO: \$34,380 \$44,958 \$55,537 \$66,115**

There are forms and paperwork you must collect to fill out the Fuel Assistance form.

**FREETOWN COUNCIL ON AGING**  
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**Lakeville Arts and Crafts Trips**

Here are some trips from the Lakeville COA. If you need further information please call the Freetown COA-we have flyers-or Lori at Lakeville COA-508-947-7224.

April 10, 2018, Tuesday, Worcester Art Museum and The Sole Proprietor for Lunch-\$84.00 PP

May 9, 2018, Wednesday, Newport Playhouse-\$92.00 PP

May 17, 2018, Thursday, “Bingo Bonanza” at Wrights Farm Restaurant-\$64.00 PP

June 2 & 3, 2018, Saturday & Sunday, NYC and visit to 9/11 Memorial & Museum-\$259.00 PP

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**Annual May Breakfast**

On Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 AM at Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester.

1.) Scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon or sausage and toast.

2.) Pancakes, bacon or sausage

Both meals served with coffee or tea.

Please call the Freetown Senior Center to RSVP and choose your meal by April 30<sup>th</sup>. \$5.25 PP, paid when served your meal. **Freetown Senior Center will open at 9:30 AM**



Sponsored by Freetown VFW Post 6643 and “The Friends of the VFW”, this is an all you can eat pasta meal on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>; from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. \$7.00 PP, 70+ \$5.00 PP, 90+ free. We have raffles and door prizes. We are serving the community.

*Submitted By Bruce Wilbur*